



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: June 12th, 2008.

Social Hour 6:00 to 6:30

Meeting starts at 6:30

Meetings are held at the First Christian Church in Fort Walton Beach, FL

Website: <http://www.silverthreadsquiltguild.org>

From Your President:

Ladies, Spring is in the air. I have a love/hate relationship with springtime. I love being in the yard, cleaning out winter and welcoming Spring, but then I feel like I have turned my back on my sewing room. So I hope some of you are accomplishing a lot in your sewing room, while the rest of us are either at the beach or in the yard playing in the dirt. I hope all of our Mothers had a Happy Mother's Day and hats off to Sandy and our 2 featured Mothers. May's program was great! Don't forget to wear your party hats, June is our Birthday Month so be ready to party! If you're joining in on the gift swap, bring your gift and don't forget your favorite potluck dish.

We had several members join us for our Friday night sit and sew. Patty Roof, Linda Frick, Deane Inness, Barbara Simmons, Kim Hann, Kathy Weathers, Lyn Salsman, Cathy Messner, Sheila Paxton, our newest member Maliga Pillay, and myself enjoyed an evening of stitching, chatting, food, fun, and fellowship. Please join us for our next sit and sew. Remember, the more, the merrier!

Blog:

One of our quilt shops in NW Florida has made it into the Quilt Sampler Magazine! Check it out at: <http://www.quiltingbythebay.com>

Also, Flying Needles Quilt Guild has asked us to pass this info on to you:

We are looking for teachers for our Timpooshee retreat next year and wanted to let your membership know in case there was anyone interested. There is a teacher's info sheet available on our web site at flyingneedlesquiltguild.org that just needs to be filled out and mailed.

Jeanie

Board Meetings:

Your 2008 board will be meeting just prior to our normal guild meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Raffle Donations:

There are no door prizes being raffled this month due to the birthday party.

Membership News:

Hello Ladies,

Please remember to sign yourself and your guests in at the front door, and indicate on the roster if you have completed your name badge. If you need help please get with me, I will help for a small donation to the charity fund. 25

people have finished their name badges. A temporary badge will be available for rent for 50 cents if you forget yours or if you haven't finished yours yet.

We have 62 members in our guild, and we had 38 members present for our May Meeting including one new member, Maliga Pillay. She is from South Africa and shared some wonderful information about her journey to Fort Walton Beach. If you missed the meeting, please ask her to tell you about it.

Lyn Woods

Birthdays:

Happy June birthdays to:

Laura Church

Terri Davis

Terry Henshaw

Jeanie Johnson

Patty Roof

Kathy Weathers

Remember that we will be having a "Birthday Party" this month so bring a present, come and be cheery!

Programs:

Words cannot express what a wonderful May program we had. Kudo's to Sandy for a fantastic idea, celebrating the lives of two amazing quilters in our group, Mama Jean and Ms. Dottie. I am sure you will all agree that they both have continued to inspire us.

In June we celebrate birthdays "HAPPY BIRTHDAY QUILTSTERS" - don't forget your fat quarter to participate in a fun filled night of games, food, presents, show and tell and as always, great fellowship.

Cathy Messner

Charities:

For our May Charity sit and sew, we had members join us for sewing and great food once again provided by Kim. Addie was there with Kid Comfort quilts that Susan Beck and Chris Maher worked on. I think she had another 10 or so to be completed. Barbara Fyffe and Ruth Christensen took charity blocks from a few years back and arranged them into nice tops. Kim and I ironed and squared up the Christmas blocks for the church charity quilt. Everyone helped arrange them. I think it is beautiful. Dean Inness worked on a precious pink and green baby quilt. Lyndell and Pat came by for support. We will try to do it again in a few months. Those who participated got to sew on a bright colored heart to their name tags.

We have several Christmas stockings that need binding sewn around the top and a loop for hanging added to be finished up. We are still short about 50 stockings to meet our goal of 100.

We are donating one of our lap sized quilts to Covenant Hospice to be raffled in their annual Cablethon on July 18th and 19th.

Just a reminder: we are only keeping track of completed charity items this year for the drawing. Please put your name on a blue slip or yellow slip for completed charity block or completed charity item. For show and tell items, you receive a pin each month.

Completed charity items: 1 Christmas quilt top!, 57 charity blocks, 8 bazaar items, 8 baby quilts, 8 kid sized quilts, 3 lap quilts, 1 full sized quilt, 46 Christmas stockings, and about 20 Kid Comfort quilts mailed.

Keep those charity items coming in!

Kathy and Kim

Show and Tell:

Keep up the great show and tell items. This part of our program is intended to get our members to share what they accomplish and to inspire other members. Don't forget to come get your pin AFTER the meeting. By waiting until after the meeting, everyone will have a chance to view the projects being shown with less noise and confusion. We have limited the pins to one each month because we want this little project to last the entire year. Yes, it does matter what order the beaded pins go on the larger pin. The finished pin will spell out something. That's why it's important to know which pin you need.

Newsletter:

If you have any items that you would like to have mentioned in the newsletter, please contact Sheila Paxton at newsletter@silverthreadsquiltguild.org Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.

Sheila

Silver Threads Board

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Challenge:

This year's challenge will be "My Round Robin". Normally a round robin quilt is passed from one person to another for each "round" that is added. However, this challenge quilt is made entirely by you. The rules are as follows:

- 1. Center: Your design-can be anything you like from a pieced block to a pre-printed block to just a beautiful piece of focal fabric.*
- 2. First Round: Your design, but must have "points" somewhere in this round.*
- 3. Second Round: Your design, but must have "circles" of some sort.*
- 4. Third Round: Your design, but must have "stripes".*
- 5. Fourth Round: Your design, but must have "curves".*

The challenge quilt can be ANY size or even a wearable art. There isn't a particular fabric that must be used. You can add additional rounds, but the first four rounds MUST follow the above rules. If you have any questions, please ask a board member. Use your imagination! Prizes will be awarded for the top three choices.

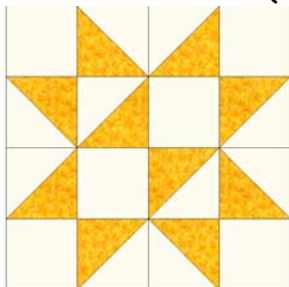
Buddy Blocks:

The first block will be exchanged in June and is a flower block in your choice of colors. The pattern is also of your choosing. The second block will be exchanged in December and should be made in fall colors. You pick the pattern for the block. Both blocks are 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. Please contact Sheri Easom for more information.

Block of the Month

Don't forget to complete the proper slip of paper to get credit for your charity items. Your block of the month donation earns you a charity slip. With that said, here is our sixth block. You can make these blocks in ANY color, not just the color shown.

Block-June Block (Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



This block is made from all half square triangles, but if you prefer, you could make four flying geese units and two half square units. Adjust cutting if you decide to use the flying geese units.

You will need:

Light: Six-three and one half inch squares

Ten-three and seven eighths inch squares

Dark: Ten-three and seven eighths inch squares

Tip of the Month:

If you are making a rag quilt, instead of cutting into your seam allowance, try using a seam ripper. Insert it just past the stitching and rip toward the raw edge.

Also, tall CD towers make a great place to store fat quarters. Fat quarters can be organized by color and are a beautiful splash of color in your sewing room.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken Broccoli Salad

About 1 1/2 lbs boneless chicken breasts

2 cups water

2 Tablespoons soy sauce

2 cloves garlic, minced

4 cups broccoli florets

1 red onion, diced

1 cup crushed peanuts (I omitted this)

1 cup dried cranberries

1 cup mayonnaise

3 Tablespoons orange marmalade

In a large skillet, (or electric fry pan) place chicken breasts in a single layer. Pour water and soy sauce over chicken; sprinkle with garlic. Cover and cook over medium-high heat for 15 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Remove chicken from pan; let cool for 20 minutes. Cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces. In a large bowl, combine chicken, broccoli, onion, peanuts, and cranberries. In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and marmalade. Pour over chicken mixture, tossing gently to combine. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.

Reminders:

PS: Please don't forget to bring an item for Show and Tell.